

NEIGHBOURHOODS

LITTLE PORTUGAL

2 or 3 hours

During the Renaissance, Portuguese explorers contributed to drawing the world map. That same spirit of adventure may be what brought a few hundred men to Canada to find work in the early 1950s, eventually leading them to the workshops and textile mills lining St. Laurent Blvd. on the Plateau. Come see and taste what this vibrant community has brought to the city they embraced with so much affection.

Meeting point: Parc du Portugal, corner St. Laurent Blvd. and Marie-Anne St.

GRIFFINTOWN: THE RESILIENCE OF THE IRISH

3 hours

This tour offers a glimpse into what once was a poor and vibrant sector of Montreal which endured for close to 200 years and, thanks to its residents, became the symbol of Irish working-class culture in North America. Come witness its incredible transformation.

Meeting point for parties of 2-11: Pizzeria No. 900, 1378 Notre-Dame St. West

Meeting point for parties of 12-30: To be determined

GREAT SCOTS! IT'S THE GOLDEN SQUARE MILE!

3 hours

In the 1800's, when Montreal was the largest city in Canada, two-thirds of the nation's wealth was concentrated here, in the shadow of Mount Royal, in an area that covered roughly one square mile. We will discover the cradle of Canada's commercial aristocracy at the time, which was as much an idea as a geographical entity.

Meeting point: Roddick Gates, McGill University, 845 Sherbrooke St. West

MAISONNEUVE: FROM RICHES TO RAGS AND BACK AGAIN

2 hours

Located in the east end of Montreal, Maisonneuve was, at the turn of the 20th century, where much of the French-speaking working class lived, as well as the French-speaking upper class, who lived side by side. Once dubbed "Pittsburgh of the North", it is here that some of the city's most beautiful Beaux-Arts buildings can be found.

Meeting point: Maison de la Culture Maisonneuve, 4200 Ontario St. East

LITTLE BURGUNDY: FROM RAILROADS AND JAZZ TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT EXPERIMENT

2 hours

This bright and busy part of town in the former industrial Sud-Ouest borough has been experiencing a major make-over in recent years. This tour takes you on a journey through over two centuries of "The Berg's" rich history. All aboard!

Meeting point: Centre culturel Georges-Vanier, 2450 Workman St. near N.-Dame Street